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Will Carne, President
Michigan Works! The Job Force Board

Donna Tryan of Marquette was honored as an Alumna of the Year by the Michigan Works! Association, Michigan's workforce development association. Michigan Works! The Job Force Board nominated Tryan.

Tryan was recognized at a special awards ceremony held in the Boji Building's Senate Hearing Room in downtown Lansing on Wednesday, January 25, 2006. Senator Mike Prusi (D-38) and Representative Stephen Adamini (D-109) presented a tribute resolution recognizing her success. Tryan was one of only 25 Michigan Works! participants statewide chosen for recognition at the annual Alumni Celebration.

Tryan, aspiring to enter the Nursing profession, found success through Michigan Works! to become the Educator-Lead Instructor for the Nursing Assistant Training Program at the M-TEC at Bay

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College. Commencing her health care career in the early 1980s at OSF St. Francis Hospital as a Medical Receptionist, Tryan exemplifies the definition of career progression in health care. Throughout her tenure at the hospital, Tryan gained additional skills and was transitioned to an Emergency Clerical Technician.

This work experience fostered her desire to become a nurse. Therefore, she decided to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and with the professional assistance of Michigan Works! entered as a student at Bay College. Tryan accessed the services of Michigan Works! to help her achieve her goal. In fact, Michigan Works! has helped Tryan to lay the foundation that prepared her for her career experience as a Healthcare Educator, Department Manager, Patient Care Coordinator, Registered Nurse (RN), LPN Staff Nurse, and Certified First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Instructor.

The staff offered her career management services to support her educational pursuits, assisting her with navigating the financial aid system and as well providing her with required uniforms and supplies. As a result, Tryan was able to concentrate on her academics and achieve her Practical Nursing Degree with honors in 1991.

Since 1994, Tryan has been a Certified Nurse Assistant Instructor. Further, she has represented Bay College on the Career Progression Committee for the Upper Peninsula Healthcare Roundtable Regional Skills Alliance. More recently, she was the lead author in the development of the on-line Nurse Refresher Course and will be developing an on-line nursing gerontology course in 2006. In 2005, she was honored with the Outstanding Part-Time Faculty

Award from Bay College. Her desire to progress in health care is evidenced by her most recent attainment of a Bachelor of Science Nursing Degree, Magna Cum Laude, in December of 2005.

Alan Yeck, Executive Director of Business and Workforce Development Services at the M-TEC at Bay College states, "She goes well beyond the classroom to help her students succeed not only with the subject matter being taught but, more importantly, how to succeed in life. Her dedication inspires her students and her coworkers to be the best they can be and to never give up trying to achieve their dreams."

Our Michigan Works! Alumni Celebration recognizes those individuals who by hard work, sheer determination, and the strong will to successfully enter the workforce. It is also a time to recognize the commitment and contribution of employers, who have provided jobseekers career opportunities.



From L to R: State Senator Mike Prusi, Joe Esbrook, Michigan Works!, State Representative Steve Adamini, congratulate Donna Tryan, Alumni of the Year, and Employer Alan Yeck, M-Tec at Bay College